

April 2013



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Mark Your Calendar

8th Annual Iowa Governor's LGBTQ Youth Conference

Event on April 3rd
7:30AM-4:30PM
Prairie Meadows
Conference Center

Altoona, IA

You can register by going to

www.regonline.com/GovConf

Students Taking Charge

April 4th

9AM-230PM

Boone, IA

Students Taking Charge is a national movement of youth to mobilize, organize, and speak out for healthy and active schools in every state.

Global Youth Service

Day

April 26-28

Serve, Celebrate, and Share!

[Www.GYSD.org](http://www.GYSD.org)

Risky Business Conference

April 30th

8AM-5PM

Ames, IA

This conference brings high school teens, youth serving professionals and concerned community members together to develop skills and increase knowledge of community youth development while addressing critical issues that confront young people and families.

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Youth Development News

Calling All Youth!

(SIYAC & IYC Recruitment)

The State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council (SIYAC) and Iowa Youth Congress (IYC) are currently recruiting for the 2014 year term. Both youth initiative programs are run through the Department of Human Rights, and focus on getting teens (14-20) involved in civic engagement and making a difference in their communities and state. All youth are encouraged to apply and there is no fee to participate in the programs. For more information, visit the following websites by clicking on the link: [SIYAC](#) or [IYC](#)

or

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY](#)

Find Your Local

Farmers Market

Are you interested in spending time outdoors and finding a healthier lifestyle? Take advantage of Spring, which is right around the corner, and visit your local farmers market to see what is growing near you. The USDA's market search shows you markets by location, products, and payments accepted.

[Find your local farmers market.](#)

Risky Business

The 28th annual Risky Business Conference will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at the Scheman Center (Iowa State University) in Ames, Iowa. This one-day conference brings together adults and youth from Iowa and surrounding states to develop skills and increase knowledge of community youth development and the critical issues confronting youth and professionals who work with youth today. To register or learn more click here:

[Risky Business Information](#)

Governor's LGBT Conference

Iowa Safe Schools will be hosting the 8th Annual Iowa Governors Conference on LGBTQ Youth – Wednesday April 3rd at the Prairie Meadows Conference Center in Altoona. This event will bring together over 700 Iowa educators, high school students, college students, school administrators, counselors, social workers, faith leaders, civil rights experts, parents, and anyone else I forgot to mention. The event focuses in on issues influencing our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) student populations and how we can best serve them. For more information visit

www.iowasafeschools.org

**To submit an article or resource, email jayci.adams-nordstrom@iowa.gov with an internet link and description.*

State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council Update

In the past month the State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council has been busy preparing for multiple conferences that members will be attending in the month of April. Members will be both be the presenters and participants of these conferences. One conference that will be attended includes the Risky Business Conference. At this conference, members will be presenting about advocating on the internet and on how to use of technology to get your voice heard. Members are also going to attend the Governor's LGBT conference providing an opportunity to see how they can influence their own schools by teaching others to accept student differences and to reach out to youth at the conference for recruitment. The final conference that members will attend will be the Students take Charge Workshop. This workshop will focus on how students can better their lives both nutritionally and emotionally to become more able adults. ~Submitted by Natalie Te Grootenhuis, Public Relations Chair

You can learn more about SIYAC's 2013 committees and their work with community partners by going to www.icyd.iowa.gov/SIYAC/

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